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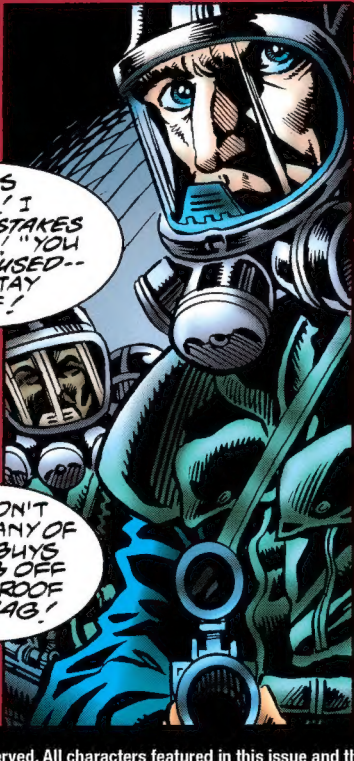
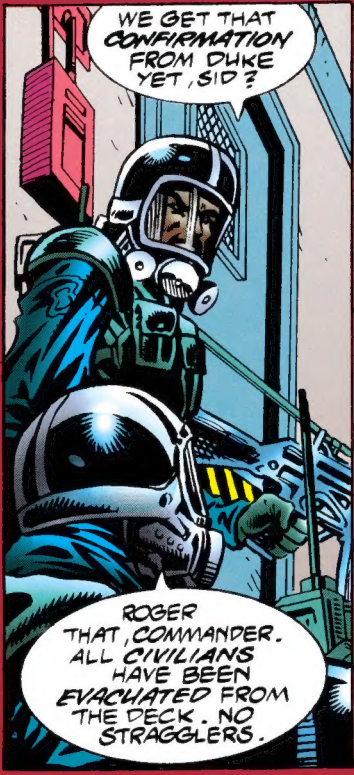
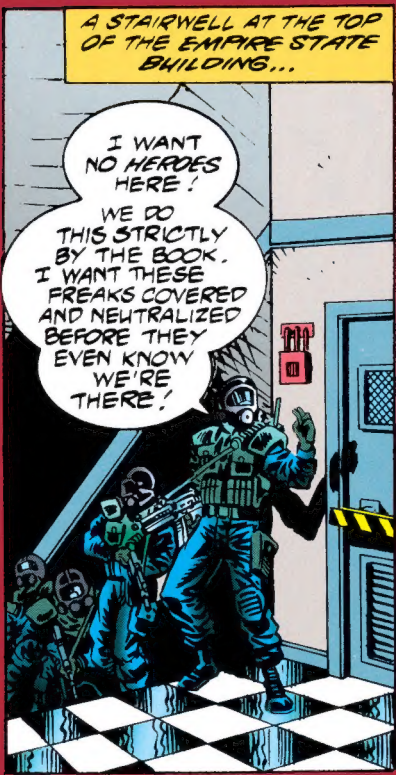
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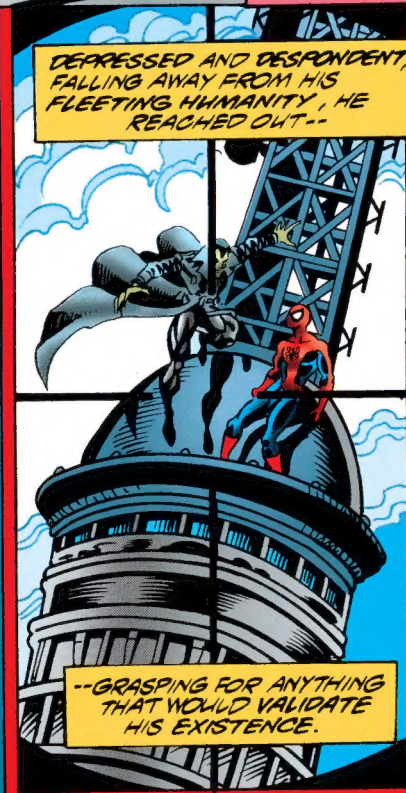


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STAN LEE PRESENTS: THE WEB OF SPIDER-MAN







GENTLE-
MEN, JACKAL
SEASON IS
NOW OFFICIALLY
OPEN.

ROW.

HE'S
DEAD,
JIM.

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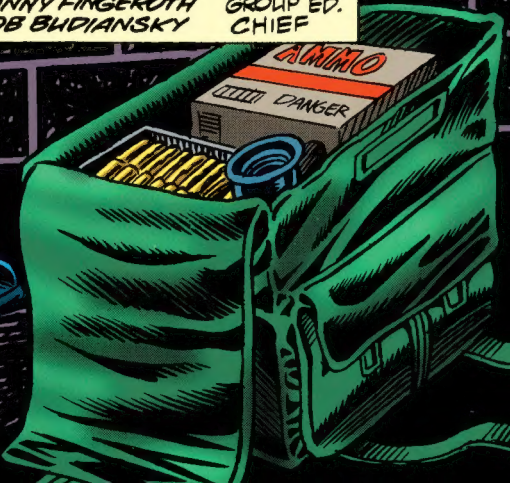
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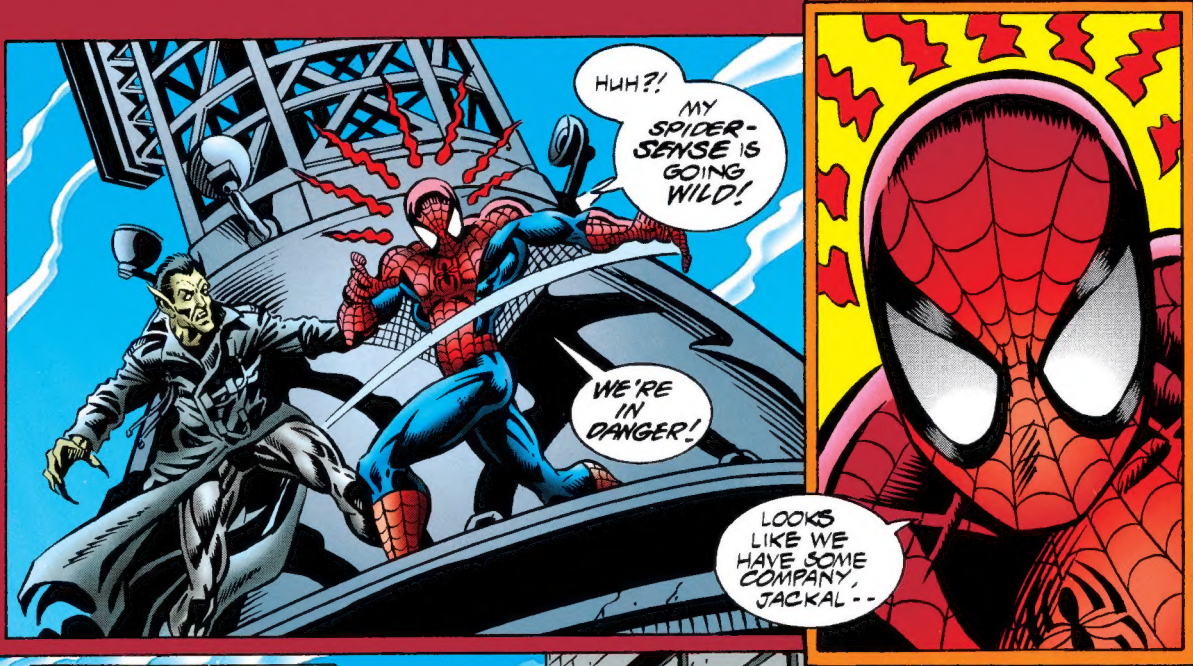
THE LAST TEMPTATION OF PETER PARKER

THE BEGINNING OF THE END --
BROUGHT TO YOU BY --

TODD DEZAGO
STEVEN BUTLER
RANDY EMBERLIN
STEVE DUTRO
KEVIN TINSLEY
ERIC FEIN
DANNY FINGEROTH
BOB BUDIANSKY

WORDS
PENCILS
INKS
LETTERS
COLORS
EDITOR
GROUP ED.
CHIEF







HOLY--

...WH, COMMANDER...
DID YOU SAY
THERE WAS
NOWHERE TO
GO...?

SHUT
UP,
PAXTON--

"--SPIDER-MAN IS
SHOOTING OUT A
WEBLINE TO SAVE
THEM EVEN NOW!

"EVERYBODY TO THE
STREET! IF WE LOSE
THEM NOW, WE'LL NEVER
BE ABLE TO PICK UP
THEIR TRAIL!"

FOR YEARS, FRANK
CASTLE--THE PUNISHER--
HAS SUFFERED AN
EXISTENCE OF COLD
TRUTH AND VIOLENCE.

FOLLOWING HIS OWN
PERSONAL DICTUM,
HE HAS WALKED A
FINE LINE, NOT ONLY
BETWEEN RIGHT
AND WRONG--

--BUT BETWEEN
SANITY AND
INSANITY AS
WELL!!

RECENT EVENTS HAVE
FORCED HIM OVER
THAT LINE*--FORCED
HIM TO CREATE A NEW
REALITY--A NEW
MISSION--A NEW
AGENDA--

*SEE THE UP-
COMING DOUBLE
EDGE: OMEGA
FOR THE WHOLE
STORY.--ERIC

AN AGENDA WHICH
INCLUDES
ELIMINATING PROF.
MILES WARREN--
THE JACKAL--
A MAN WHO
CRAVENLY MISLED
CASTLE DURING
HIS EARLY YEARS
AS THE PUNISHER.

AND ANYONE WHO
GETS IN THE WAY!



THE PARKER HOME IN FOREST HILLS, QUEENS.

FOR SO MANY YEARS, THIS HOUSE HAD BEEN A HOME-- LIT FROM WITHIN WITH THE WARM GLOW OF THE WOMAN WHO LIVED HERE.

FILLING IT WITH LOVE, SHE MADE IT A HOME FOR HER HUSBAND AND NEPHEW...

...BUT NOW, SHE IS GONE...

OVER THE PAST SEVERAL MONTHS, THE HOUSE HAS FALLEN VICTIM TO SIGNS OF DISUSE AND DISREPAIR--

--AS IF SOMEHOW MIRRORING MAY PARKER'S LONG ILLNESS... AND HER DEATH...

BUT TODAY, THERE IS LIFE...

...AND A NEW GLOW AT WORK!

...NONSENSE, DEAR.

GETTING THIS PLACE BACK IN SHAPE IS THE LEAST I CAN DO, AFTER STAYING HERE SO LONG.

BESIDES, I KNOW WHERE MAY KEPT EVERYTHING.

MARY JANE

BUT I JUST FEEL SO SELFISH, AUNT ANNA.

IT SEEMS LIKE THINGS ARE ALWAYS GOING SO FAST AROUND HERE, I NEVER GET A CHANCE TO--

OH, HUSH! IT'S NOT AS IF LIFE HAS BEEN ALL SIMPLE FOR THE TWO OF YOU LATELY, MARY JANE...

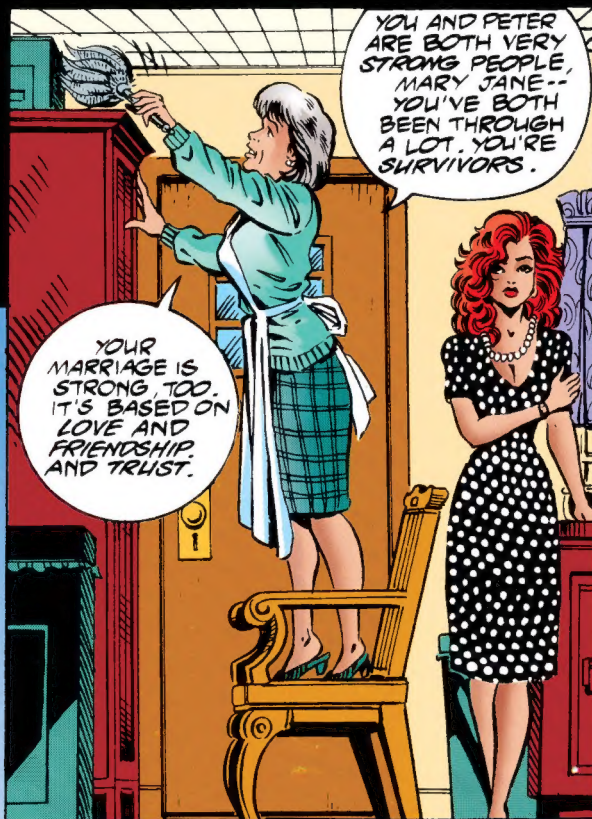
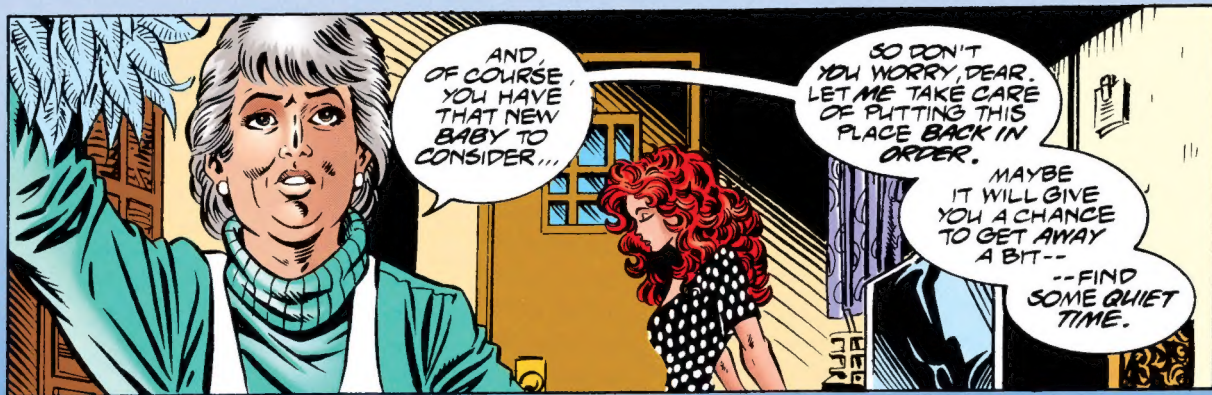
NOT TO MENTION THAT I'M MARRIED TO A CLONE--THAT WE JUST FOUND OUT THAT BEN IS THE REAL PETER--

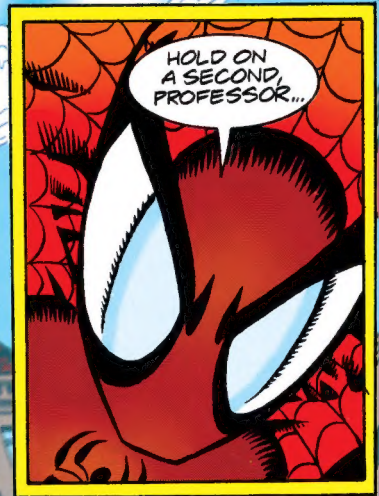
--AND THAT PETER IS...WHO KNOWS WHERE?!

...AND I CAN'T EVEN BEGIN TO THINK ABOUT HOW IT'S ALL GOING TO AFFECT MY MARRIAGE...

HOW IT WILL AFFECT MY BABY!

...WITH MAY'S ILLNESS, POOR PETER DRAGGED INTO THAT HORRIBLE TRIAL...







I THINK I NEED A MINUTE TO... DIGEST ALL OF THIS. SORRY, BUT I...

NONSENSE, MY BOY!



I UNDERSTAND HOW OVERWHELMING IT MUST BE TO SUDDENLY REALIZE THAT YOU HAVE SUCH AN IMPORTANT NEW RESPONSIBILITY TO HUMANITY!

BUT WE'RE A TEAM NOW, 'SON'-- WE'LL SHOULDER THAT RESPONSIBILITY TOGETH--

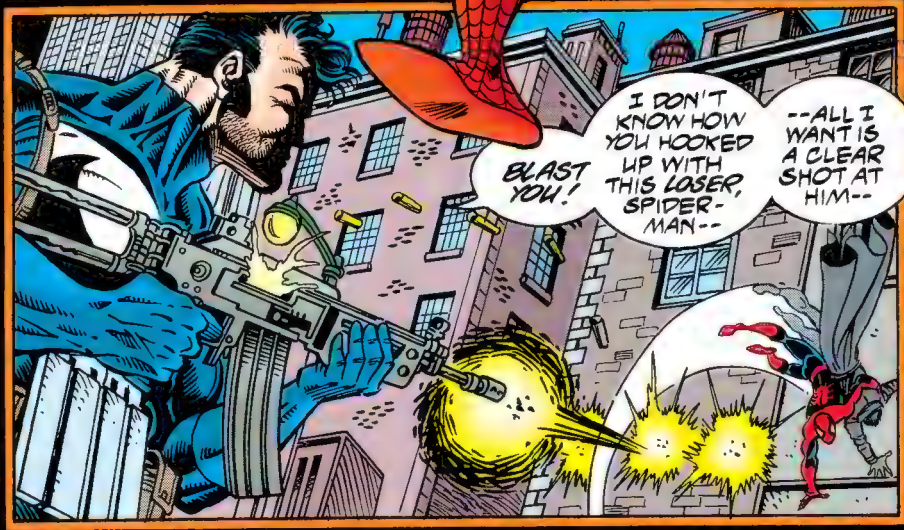


SPIDER-SENSE--!
DANGER!



WHOA WHOA WHOA!

HANG ON! LET'S FIND SOME COVER-- FAST!

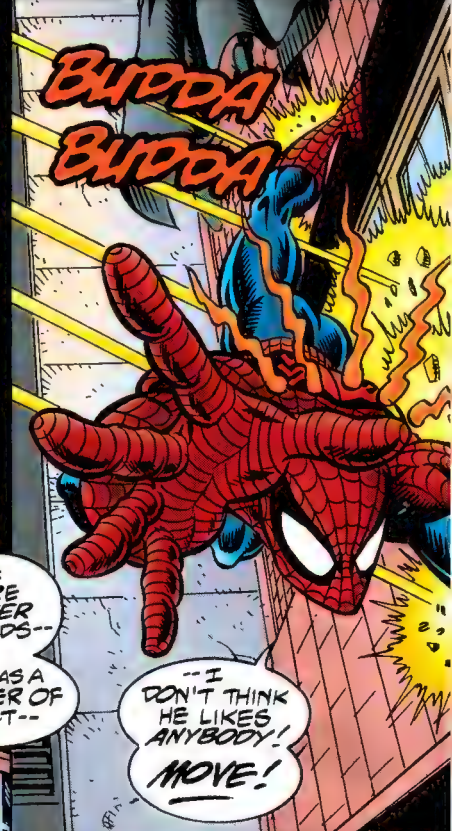


I DON'T KNOW HOW YOU HOOKED UP WITH THIS LOSER, SPIDER-MAN--
BLAST YOU!

--ALL I WANT IS A CLEAR SHOT AT HIM--



--AND I WANT IT NOW!







PROFESSOR WARREN!

THE IMPACT THREW HIM BACK--



I... I WAS SO...
...CLOSE...

PROFESSOR?



...WE WERE SO CLOSE!
WE COULD HAVE SAVED THEM, PETER...



...WE COULD HAVE SAVED ALL MANKIND!
IT WAS MY LIFE'S DREAM...

...TO FINALLY HAVE THE CHANCE TO DO THE RIGHT THING... ALL I NEEDED WAS TO FIND THAT FINAL ANSWER...

...THE ANSWER, PETER, THAT YOU CARRY IN YOUR BLOODSTREAM! BUT NOW...



NO, PROFESSOR, WE STILL HAVE A CHANCE! WE'VE GOT TO GET--



FORGET ABOUT ME?

YOU'D BETTER STEP ASIDE, SPIDER-MAN--



--UNLESS YOU WANNA GET BULLETS AND BLOOD ON YOU...

CASTLE, YOU
LUNATIC!

BUDDABUDDABUDDA

DO YOU HAVE ANY IDEA
WHAT YOU'VE JUST DONE?
WHAT YOU'VE JUST COST
HUMANITY?!?

FREEZE!

YOU
MURDERING--

THE HOPE
YOU'VE
DESTROYED
?!

PROFESSOR
WARREN!
HE NEEDS
SOME
IMMEDIATE
ATTENTION--
I HAVE TO
GET HIM
BACK TO HIS
LAB!

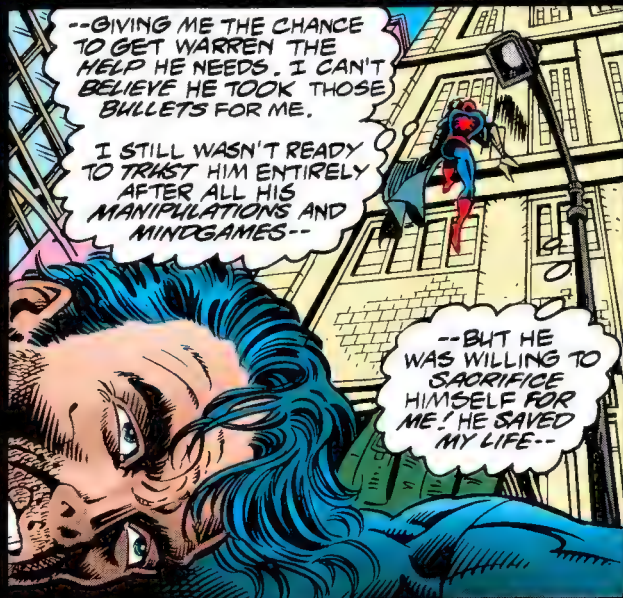


DON'T HAVE TIME FOR THE POLICE. AT LEAST THE PUNISHER'S OUT...



HERE--
--HE'S YOURS!

THE COPS CAN TAKE CARE OF HIM--



--GIVING ME THE CHANCE TO GET WARREN THE HELP HE NEEDS. I CAN'T BELIEVE HE TOOK THOSE BULLETS FOR ME.

I STILL WASN'T READY TO TRUST HIM ENTIRELY AFTER ALL HIS MANIPULATIONS AND MINDGAMES--

--BUT HE WAS WILLING TO SACRIFICE HIMSELF FOR ME! HE SAVED MY LIFE--



--I JUST HOPE I CAN RETURN THE FAVOR--



HEY, CAP! WHAT--



--SMOKE GRENADES--

--JUST LOOKED AWAY FOR A SECOND--

--WHERE IS HE?!



GONE--
--BUT IT'S PRETTY EASY T'SEE HE WENT DOWN INTO THE SEWER.



AND SO
IT IS.

IN THE END, THE **PRODIGAL SON** RETURNS HOME, BACK TO WHERE IT ALL BEGAN--**PROFESSOR WARREN'S** ORIGINAL LAB WHERE THE **JACKAL** FIRST CREATED HIM--

--CREATED US.

PETER, THE SUCCESSFUL ONE--THE PERFECT SON--THE PERFECT CLONE WHO VENTURED OUT TO LIVE THE LIFE-- TO REPLACE THE ORIGINAL **PETER PARKER**.

AND ME--

--**KAINE**--

--THE **FAILED** FIRST ATTEMPT. THE **DISCARDED, DEGENERATED MONSTER** NOT EVEN WORTHY OF A MOMENT OF THE **JACKAL'S** CONSIDERATION.

A **FUGITIVE** FROM JUSTICE--
A **FUGITIVE** FROM LIFE!

AND NOW, IN HIS **WEAKNESS** AND **DESPAIR** HE AGREES TO ALLY HIMSELF WITH OUR "**FATHER**"--

--TO BE IN LEAGUE WITH THAT **COLD, MANIPULATIVE**--

AND SO, FROM A DISTANCE, I LIVED VICARIOUSLY THROUGH **PETER**, FINDING MY OWN PRIDE WRAPPED UP IN HIS ACCOMPLISHMENTS, IN HIS SUCCESS--

--HIS STRENGTH!

--I WON'T ALLOW IT!

CHOOM



I WON'T
AL-- NOOO!

--NOOOO!

... THE PAIN... THE
BLINDING PAIN...
BURNING ME...
TEARING AT MY
SENSES... AND
BRINGING WITH IT...

... THE VISION...!

SHE IS
TRAPPED...

... LITERALLY
KNOCKS... THE
LIFE FROM
HER...

AND THE VISION
SHOULD... END
HERE, BUT IT GOES
ON... AND I CATCH
A GLIMPSE OF
HER KILLER...

... AGAIN MARY JANE
... FLEES HER...
UNSEEN ATTACKER...

... AS THE...
SICKENING...
IMPACT...

... AND I
KNOW!

NO!
NO! IT CAN'T
BE!

IT
CAN'T
BE!

THE JACKAL'S LAB...

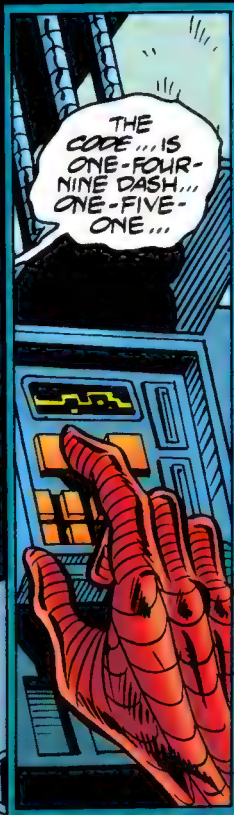
WE'RE
HERE,
PROFESSOR.
C'MON,
YOU'VE GOT
TO WAKE
UP--

--YOU
HAVE TO
TELL ME
WHAT TO
DO.

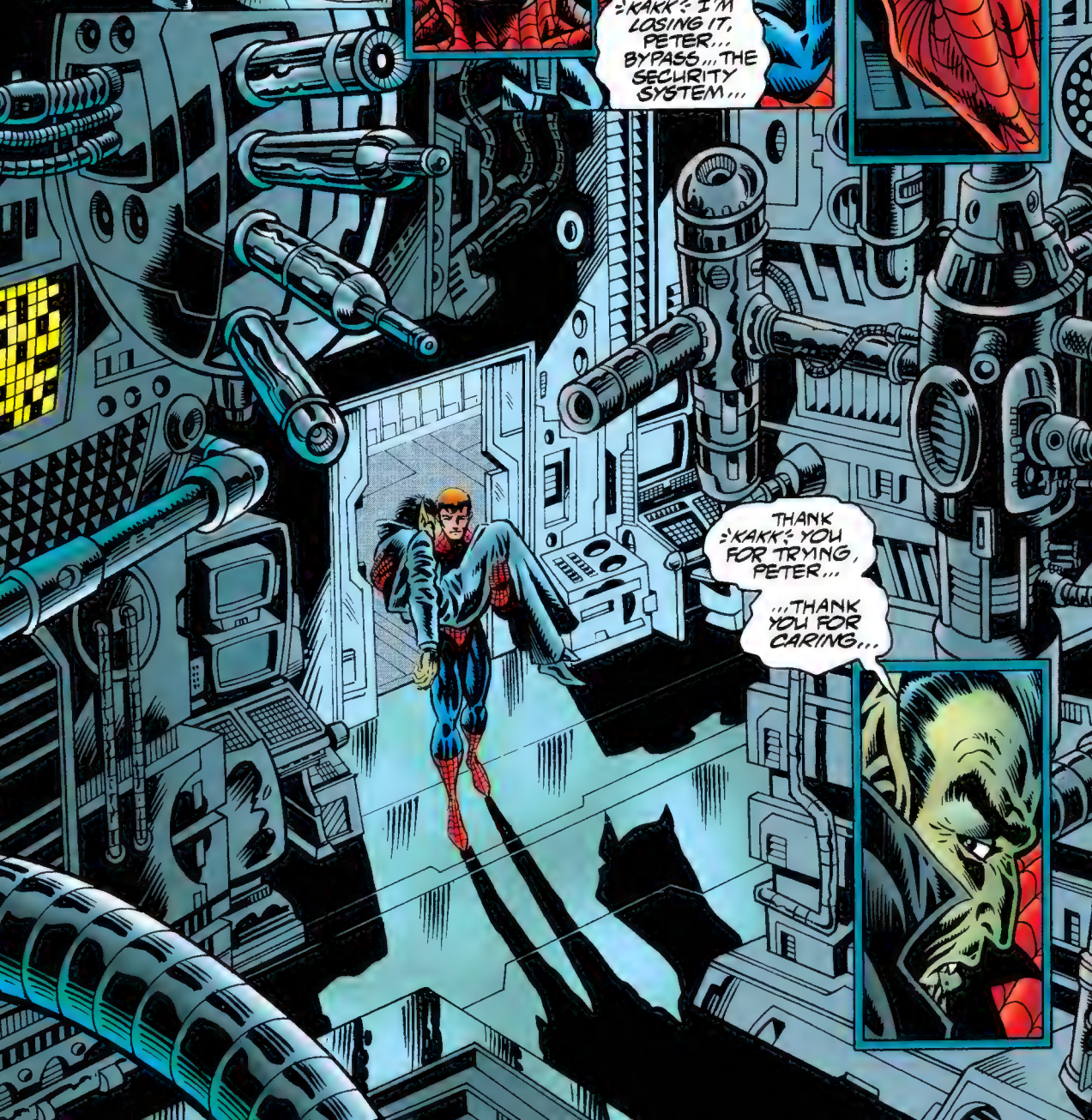
PROFESSOR?



I'M
KARK! I'M
LOSING IT,
PETER...
BYPASS... THE
SECURITY
SYSTEM...



THE
CODE... IS
ONE-FOUR-
NINE DASH...
ONE-FIVE-
ONE...



THANK
KARK! YOU
FOR TRYING,
PETER...

...THANK
YOU FOR
CARING...





"I DON'T CARE WHETHER YOU LIKE IT OR NOT, PAXTON--"



--THAT MANIAC IS DOWN HERE SOMEWHERE, AND IT'S OUR JOB TO FIND HIM!

SO SHUT UP AND FOLLOW MY COMMAND!



THE SUBJECT OF THIS TACTICAL MANEUVER DISCOVERS HIMSELF IN A PREDICAMENT OF HIS OWN--



--COMING UP AGAINST A DEAD END--

--THE FEW OUTLET PIPES MUCH TOO SMALL FOR HIS ESCAPE!



AND WITH THE SOUNDS OF S.W.A.T. NOT FAR BEHIND..



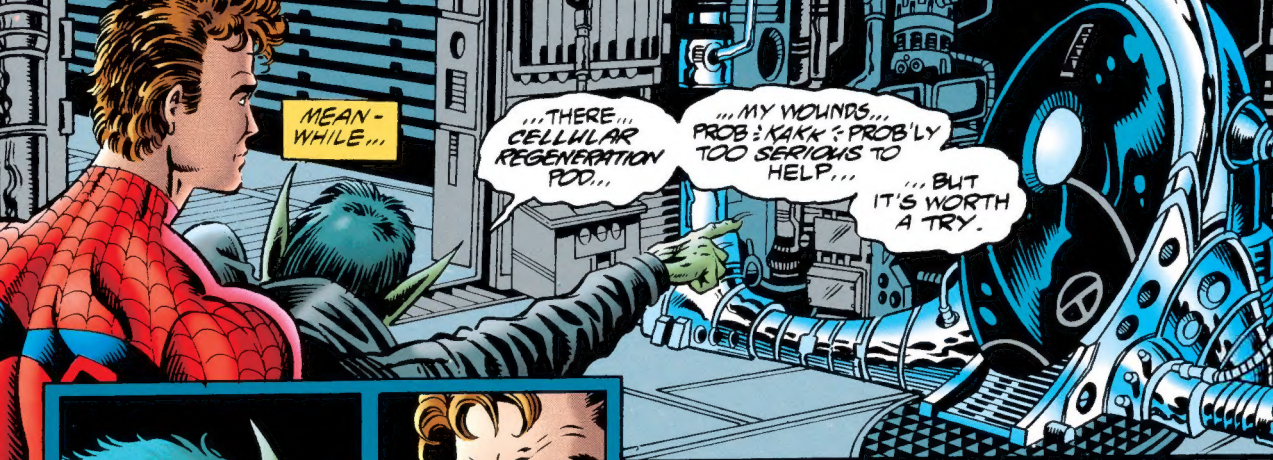
"HE DEDAINS TO MAKE A STAND!"

OKAY, BLUE BOYS--

--COME AND GET ME.



HMM..



MEAN-
WHILE...

...THERE...
CELLULAR
REGENERATION
POD...

...MY WOUNDS...
PROB: KAKK: PROBLY
TOO SERIOUS TO
HELP...

...BUT
IT'S WORTH
A TRY...



TELL ME
YOU'LL TRY,
PETER...
TELL ME
YOU'LL
HELP
THEM.

I
WILL,
SIR.

...I'VE
FINALLY FOUND
THE ANSWER TO
ALL MY RESEARCH--
SOLVED THE ONE
PROBLEM THAT
PLAGUED ME...

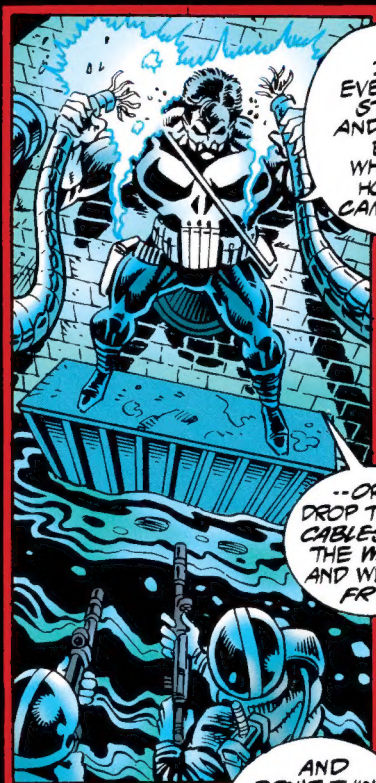
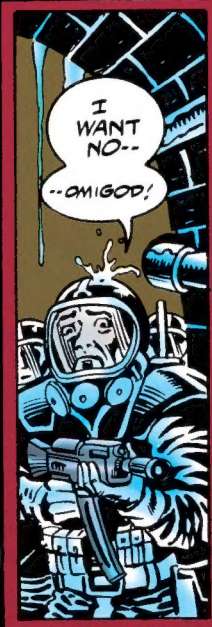
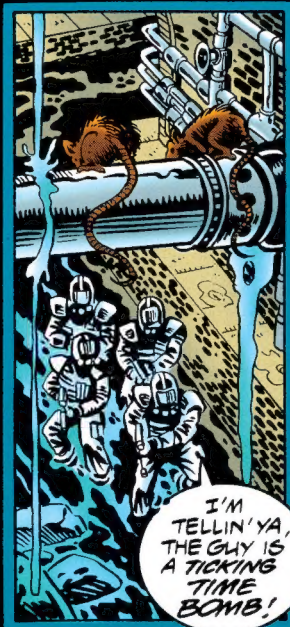
...ONLY TO HAVE
IT TAKEN AWAY FROM
ME: KAKK! KAKK! I
WANTED MANKIND
TO BENEFIT FROM
MY WORK.



THANK
YOU!!!

...SON...







"HNGH"
HUNH
HEH
HEH
HEH

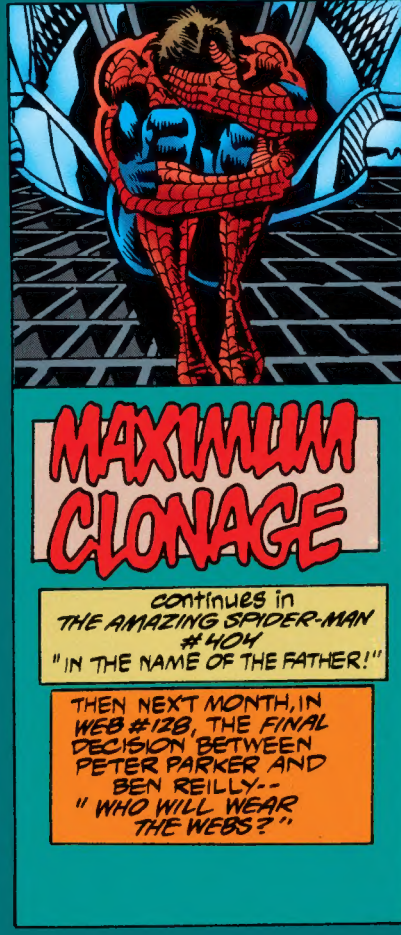
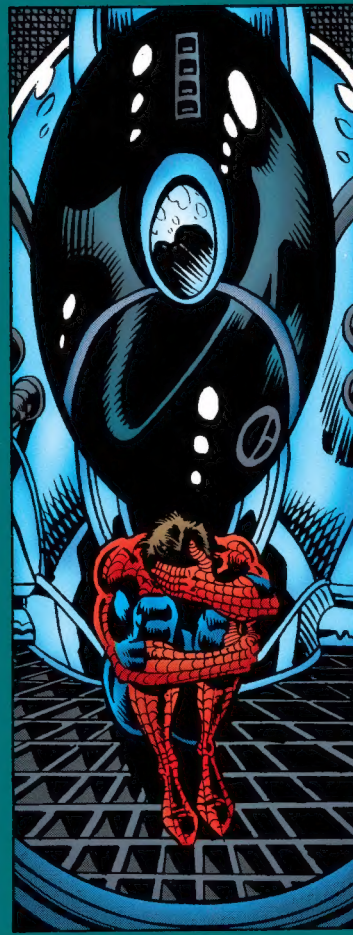


HEH--
COULDN'T
HAVE...WORKED
OUT BETTER
IF I'D
PLANNED IT
MYSELF...

...HEH-
HEH...OR
DID I?



HEH
HA HA
"KAKK"
HEH
HEH



MAXIMUM CLONAGE

CONTINUES IN
THE AMAZING SPIDER-MAN
#404
"IN THE NAME OF THE FATHER!"

THEN NEXT MONTH, IN
WEB #128, THE FINAL
DECISION BETWEEN
PETER PARKER AND
BEN REILLY--
"WHO WILL WEAR
THE WEBS?"